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DARLINGTON WELL SPOUTS WATER 146 FEET.

Suddenly Broke Loose, Shooting Barrage of Water, Shale, Rock and Alum Over Tank.

Darlington News and Press.

Some comment and a certain amount of inconvenience has been occasioned by the very peculiar antics of one of the wells belonging to the system of the local plant. A few weeks ago traces of alum were discovered in the drinking water, and this increased until it interfered with its drinking qualities. Just about this same time one of the wells got on a spree, apparently of the home-brew variety, for the well itself was entirely responsible for all that was being done. Without a moment's warning the well got very busy and started a geyser of its own, something that had never been attempted by any body of water in this flat locality, topographically speaking. It is an actual fact that the geyser spouted to the height of 146 feet, throwing up large stones and pieces of shale, some of these going entirely over the tall tank.

The stream of water went up in the air fully one hundred feet, coming from six inch pipe; and broadening very much as the stream got higher. This well had always been well-behaved. For more than seven years it had been a quiet, orderly well. To break out in one night in such a performance was startling to all. The alum deposit was directly traced to this intoxicated stream of water, and samples were at once sent to the state chemist, after having also been subjected to chemical tests locally. Every test made established the fact that the water can continue to be used as heretofore, and that there will be no the slightest danger in doing this. Manager T. M. White went immediately to work, carefully looking into every detail and was painstaking and most accurate in all that he did. He assures all users of the water that there is no danger, and that everything possible will be done to get the well to settle down to good behavior again.

The state chemist has asked for more samples of the water, stating that while there is no danger, it is very difficult to arrive at the real facts. He has been investigating for about ten days now and Mr. White is looking for an official statement at any time, and this will be given to the public just as soon as it is received. In the meantime pipes have been connected with the flowing well in the park, and this water is being used. The water from the well that is on a spree is being pumped out and only water from the other wells will be used as soon as the tank is cleared of the alum water. In addition, another well has been worked upon for some time, and this will be an entirely new one which will soon be ready for use.

The whole occurrence is to some extent inexplicable. The new geyser is an old well with a good record. It never misbehaved before. Why it should suddenly go through such acrobatic performances, in a perfectly flat country, where the pressure has to be comparatively slight, is hard to understand. Some are inclined to the opinion that if the well had thought a little it might have given samples of something very much better than alum. Others incline to the opinion that careful search should be made for oil in these greasy days of gushers. Still another group of thoughtful philosophers think that there are a very few men in Darlington capable of offering some reasonable explanation, to whom the matter might be referred. In the meantime, let it be remembered that the water is safe, even for addicts to other beverages.

Improvement Club Meets.

The Improvement Club of Dillon held a small but interesting meeting on Friday afternoon. Owing to the resignation of the president, Mrs. L. Cottingham, Mrs. L. C. Braddy was elected to succeed her. Mrs. A. J. Evans was elected Vice-President. The Board of Health has asked the co-operation of the Improvement Club in having the business portion of the town cleaned up this week. Although the club will not hold meetings during the summer months the work in the different departments will be carried on.

Revival Meeting Next Week at the Baptist Church.

In accordance with previous announcement revival services will begin at the First Baptist Church of Dillon on next Sunday, June 12th. Dr. John E. White, pastor of the First Baptist church of Anderson, will arrive on Monday and preach twice daily for ten days. Mr. J. B. McCray of Laurens is expected to be here next Sunday to begin his work as song leader during the meeting. The services will be held at 4 P. M. and 8:15 P. M. A cordial invitation has been extended by the pastor to the people of the community to attend the services.

Meeting Postponed. The regular meeting of Maple Camp No. 120 W. O. W. for June 14 has been called off. The next meeting will be held June 23. W. V. Jones, Council Commander. W. E. Hall, Clerk.

COUNTY NEWS.

Mallory

Mr. Henry W. Parham died here on Saturday afternoon after an illness of more than a week. He was buried on Sunday afternoon at Bethesda church. His pastor Rev. J. L. Mullinix, conducted the funeral service in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives.

Deceased was born in Marlboro county nearly 80 years ago having passed his 79th birthday. He served in the Confederate army in Co. G. of the 23rd Regiment of S. C. volunteers and after the war was married to Miss Amanda Townsend who survives him. Two sons William W. of Latta and Arthur L. of this place survive him, while one son Thomas C. preceded him to the grave a few years ago. Deceased was kind of heart, jovial by nature and a consistent member of the Methodist church for more than three score years. All his life had been one of activity and usefulness and he clung to the farm till a year or two ago when his advancing years and the loss by fire of his residence he gave up what had been a life long pleasure to him, for his farm was always the neatest, cleanest and best in his community. After relinquishing his farm not content to be idle he merchandised until the last day he was able to be out. He was ill about a week prior to his death with some organic heart affection but all realized that having passed the allotted span of life that his days were numbered. Having made friends easily the number who will miss him is large.

Messrs. Ed. Townsend and Monroe Hill of Bennettsville attended the funeral of Mr. H. W. Parham on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Galloway of Florence and Mrs. R. M. McCowan of Tryon, N. C. were here Sunday.

Messrs. D. D. and Julius Parrish of Bennettsville attended the funeral of Mr. H. W. Parham, their uncle.

Rev. J. L. Mullinix goes on Tuesday to Williamston, S. C. to be under observation of his old family physician for a few days.

Mrs. Kate Kennedy of Collins, Ga., visited here Sunday with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Galloway of Dillon.

Sellers.

School will close here this week. Friday night, June 10th, the primary and elementary grades will have an entertainment; Sunday, June 12th Rev. P. K. Crosby will preach the commencement sermon at 11 o'clock, at the school building, and on Monday night, June 13th, the graduating exercises will be held. Rev. S. L. Watson making the address to the graduating class. The public is cordially invited to attend all these exercises.

Mrs. J. C. Harrelson went to Florence Thursday where her daughter, Miss Thelma Culbreath received her diploma as a graduate nurse.

Miss Leila Culbreath has returned to Sellers after a successful year's work teaching, Miss Culbreath having taught in the same school for the past three terms.

The many friends of Miss Elizabeth Page are glad to have her home for the summer, she having taught in the Bishopville High School last term.

Misses Ruth Sellers, Eva Crosby and Elizabeth Ritch attended the commencement exercises at Columbia College last week.

Misses Elizabeth Celeste and Nelle Sellers are at home after a successful year's work at Columbia College. Miss Elizabeth having received her diploma and 1st prize on her china painting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Page attended the Shriner's meeting in Charleston last week.

Mrs. Ellen Bass of Latta spent Sunday with relatives in Sellers.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Smith and little son David have moved to Charlotte, N. C., where Mr. Smith has a position.

Fork.

Miss Coleen Bethea of Greensboro is spending the week at home.

Mrs. H. M. Henry and sons, Kirkland and Hugh, of Emory, Va., are visiting Mrs. L. J. Fort.

Mrs. S. A. Owens and little Eula Mae Moody spent last week with Mrs. Maxy Adams of Dillon.

Mrs. C. E. Taylor spent Sunday at Tabor, N. C., with her sister, Mrs. Sam Carmichael.

Mrs. Austin Edwards of Latta is spending some time with relatives here.

Misses Willie and Sadie Moore, students of Coker College, are home for the summer.

Mr. Elbert Fort and Mrs. Ruby Fort Carmichael spent Sunday at Marion with friends.

There will be a meeting of the Fork School Improvement Association at the school building Friday afternoon at four-thirty o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

Notice to Members of Dillon Post No. 32, The American Legion. You can secure your American Legion badges by calling for them either at the Post Commander's office or at the American Legion Club. Not more than one half the members have come for the badges yet and you are urged to get these at once.

Revival Services At First Baptist Church



Dr. John E. White, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Anderson, S. C., Who Will Conduct the Revival at the Baptist Church, Beginning Sunday, June 12th.

HUNDREDS DIE IN FLOOD.

Property Losses Estimated at Ten Million Dollars.

Pueblo, Colo., June 5—Three times during the last 48 hours the waters of the Arkansas river, breaking from their course, have inundated the greater part of this city with the resultant loss of probably not more than 250 lives and property damage estimated at \$10,000,000. This loss is attributed chiefly to the first flood of Friday night and Saturday morning. The second and third floods of this morning and afternoon found little of value not already ruined by the waters and were looked upon with concern only because they hindered rescue and reconstruction work.

First estimates of the dead, based upon reports from excited eyewitnesses who told of seeing hundreds of bodies swept through the streets of the city, are considered greatly exaggerated. While no official count of the fatalities has been attempted, it is said the death list probably will not exceed 250, if that high.

One hundred bodies have been recovered, but it is feared that when the mud and debris which fills the streets and buildings in the flooded area are cleared away more will be found.

Relief work is progressing under the directions of Red Cross officials and Governor Shoup. The greatest danger at present is from pestilence. Food is being rationed. Those without funds with which to purchase provisions are being cared for by the Red Cross and other agencies. To those who have funds, military permits are being issued allowing the holder to buy only a limited amount of food from local stores.

Pure water is at premium. People have been warned to boil water before drinking. In anticipation of a typhoid epidemic a large quantity of typhoid anti-toxin has been called for and will be administered as soon as available.

Five hundred persons are in temporary hospitals as a direct result of the flood, according to J. E. Moorhead, secretary to the governor. There are cases of chickenpox, typhoid pneumonia, diphtheria and one or two cases of insanity.

The entire city is under martial law and 150 troops are patrolling the city with orders that all persons are to be kept out of the restricted area and to shoot if necessary.

Troops have received orders to prevent all visitors from entering the city. No persons not members of the national guard will be admitted.

The Red Cross today cooked a carload of meat to keep it from spoiling and this will be distributed to the needy.

Governor Shoup returned this afternoon by automobile to Colorado Springs from which place he expected to answer the message from President Harding and Senator Nicholson at Washington in regard to the measures needed to help the situation.

Col. Pat. Hamrock, adjutant general, commanding state troops here, said tonight it soon would be possible to ascertain something definite on the disaster.

It is impossible to obtain any accurate information on the number of dead or the number of bodies recovered, as military headquarters is without communication with the east and south sections of the city.

When the first report of the new flood came this afternoon soldiers conducted a hurried search of buildings and in one found a woman

standing in water up to her scruffs and holding above her head a baby five hours old. The mother and baby were taken to a hospital, where it was said they could not live.

Three United States army airplanes are on the way to Pueblo tonight from Dodge City, Kan.

According to Colonel Hamrock the machines will be used for observation and scouting to verify reports of further flood dangers.

Fear was expressed for the safety of people living in towns on the Arkansas river below Pueblo. There was no way of spreading a warning from here. It was impossible to get into other sections of the city or out of the city from the south.

The heavy rains today and tonight again made the roads almost impassable.

Just before the afternoon flood, the military rushed seven soldiers across the viaduct to the south side. The Associated Press correspondent accompanied the troops, the journey being made through some of the worst devastated districts.

On either side the ruins of principal structures, twisted and torn by the flood, stood in mud and stagnant water. High water marks showed the flood had reached nearly to the second story. In the union station the high water mark was 14 feet. At the Congress hotel hundreds of persons were fed, coffee being made with lithia water. The eggs ran out early this morning and ham and steak was on the menu. Tonight there was chicken, cold roast beef and ham sandwiches.

No one has had a bath or a shave since the flood. It has been impossible even to wash one's face and hands or obtain a change of clothing.

Pueblo, June 5—A graphic story of flood was given to the Associated Press today by M. J. Valley of Denver, a Colorado & Southern railroad engineer.

Valley was marooned with four other men for 12 hours. At one time his companions had to rub his limbs and body to keep his blood in circulation so he could stand alone.

"I had been in a garage with a friend to get his car," Valley said, "When the flood waters swept into the garage. We climbed into the car, then on top of it.

"The flood waters reached us even there and we climbed into the second floor of the building and when that became flooded we smashed a hole in the roof and stepped out on it.

"The water crept on us there and it looked as if the building might go so we stepped out on a pile of debris which had been stopped by telephone wires. For three hours we stood there in the rain and darkness which was lighted up only by several fires. Then the improvised raft gave way and we climbed back on the garage, finally cutting a cable from the telephone wires and with the aid of this got on to a higher building.

"From here with the aid of the cable, we rescued three men who were being swept past us by the current.

"Houses were being swept down the street past us, many of them with people inside crying for help. I don't know how many of them there were nor how many of them escaped.

"We were rescued by a boat crew at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

In the Union garage one man was rescued Saturday. He had floated

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AFTER THE SOLID SOUTH.

Plans in the Making for Building Up a Strong Republican Party in Dixie.

K. Foster Murray, Washington correspondent of The News and Courier, says:

Washington, June 5—Building up a party is a slow process anywhere, and particularly so in territory in which the conditions have been adverse for two generations. How long it will take the Republican organization to get on even terms with the Democrats in the South if the wisest possible policy of rebuilding is adopted and consistently followed is a question. It would take a good deal longer even under that ideal assumption than the average observer outside of the South imagines.

However, it is just as well to take note of the fact that President Harding's administration is proceeding, at the start at any rate, along rational well considered and systematic lines towards such a reorganization of Southern Republicanism. The plan is the best laid, and thus far the most sagaciously administered, that has yet characterized a Republican national regime.

President Harding is working for the establishment of an "era of good feeling" similar to that which came in the days of Monroe and he apparently possesses in a high degree the personal qualifications requisite for this Executive achievement. With Secretary Hughes as his wheel horse in diplomatic matters, aided to a very important degree by Secretary Hoover's actual knowledge of present day foreign conditions, the President is encouraging Secretary Hoover to win the confidence and appreciation of the business community for the administration, while its political agents in the various sections seek to strengthen the Republican fences wherever they are weak or defective.

Utilizing Credit Issue.

While the plan for reconstruction of Southern Republican organizations where they have been most woefully lacking is proceeding under the general advice of Representative C. Bascom Slemm, of Virginia, who is special counselor of the Harding administration as to party matters below Mason and Dixon's Line, the President and Secretary Hoover are making it plain to the agricultural and commercial community at large that this administration hopes to "loosen up" credits to a considerable extent through the medium of the federal reserve system.

No matter what may be the facts as to whether or not the Wilson administration overdid the process of tightening up credits, the farming and commercial communities seem to feel as a whole that this was the case. If the Harding administration can effect a liberalization of credits through the operation of the federal reserve system without doing any harm to the stability of the financial foundation, there is no question that the Republicans will have "put one over" on the Democrats. This would be true in spite of the fact that the Democrats could themselves, if now in control of the government, loosen credits in a way that might have been dangerous at other times. The federal reserve margin of gold is now far above what it was a year ago.

But explanations aside, the present administration is adopting shrewd measures to make headway in the South by capitalizing the dissatisfaction which existed over the agricultural credit situation in the last period of the Wilson regime.

Slemm's Job Difficult.

All that may be gained by the Harding administration in helping and pleasing the business community (including in that term the farmers and the merchants and all who engage in trade or productive investment) will go for little, however, in the Southern States unless the race question can be eliminated as a controlling factor of politics. In view of the presence of so many fanatics on this question who are in the Republican party in the North and West, with some representatives in Congress and in the national committee, it is easy to see that Slemm has a harder task than Hoover.

The plan of reorganization in the Southern G. O. P. which seems to be finding favor just now is to select a few prominent citizens who are Republicans under new conditions, and having these persons each submit lists of other Republicans whom they regard as representative of their communities as to business and general standing. The Republican national committee of the State in question would also submit a list. From the lists, perhaps the chairman of the national committee, would select a hundred or more Republicans who should assemble and reorganize their party in the State and recommend a slate for federal appointments. This would not entirely ignore the old organization, but it would enable the reorganizing forces to secure the numerical superiority in the official reorganization meeting.

President Harding has been told by acquaintances who are Democrats that if the Republican national convention last summer had not made the colossal blunder of electing a negro national committeeman for Georgia, there would actually have

FAMOUS AVIATRIX FALLS TO DEATH.

Established Record for Women in Looping the Loop Only Few Weeks Ago.

Mineola, N. Y., June 5—Miss Laura Bromwell, holder of the loop the loop record for women, and one of the best known women pilots in the world, was killed at Mitchell field this afternoon.

Miss Bromwell was flying at an altitude of about 1,000 feet. She had just completed one loop and was about to make a second when something went wrong with the plane and it crashed to the ground.

Miss Bromwell whose home was Cincinnati, was 23 years old.

She established her loop the loop record May 15 when she executed 199 loops in an hour and 20 minutes. The same afternoon she piloted her airplane over a two mile straight away course at the rate of 135 miles an hour.

Military observers who witnessed the flight declared the girl's airplane motor stopped abruptly as she was making the upward turn of the loop. Suddenly the machine fell backward into a tail spin and dropped like a plummet onto a road just outside the field.

Hundreds of spectators gasped as the plane fell and then rushed to where it struck the ground. The girl's lifeless body was found in the tangled wreckage. Miss Bromwell had tested her machine before engaging in her stunts, army officers said, and she pronounced it in good condition.

Miss Bromwell's machine went through the first loop with the grace of a bird. She had just started a second when suddenly the hum of the motor stopped and the plane lurched sidewise. It seemed to remain suspended a minute and then started its meteoric drop.

A dark object flew from the machine and many spectators thinking that the straps holding the aviatrix in her seat had broken, shuddered and turned their heads. It later proved to be a seat cushion, released when Miss Bromwell was swung clear of the seat as the plane started to fall upside down.

Experienced aviators declared the girl's apparent inability to manipulate the control levers and in effort to right the plane probably was due to having swung from the seat so far she could not reach them.

She was flying high enough, they said, to have brought the plane safely to earth, although the motor had stopped.

Mineola, N. Y., June 5—R. H. Dewey, manager for Miss Bromwell at Mineola, issued the following statement:

"Miss Bromwell's own plane was out of order. She borrowed a Canadian training plane, a type which, because of Miss Bromwell's small stature, she was unsuited to stunt. I warned her not to attempt to loop it but she disregarded the instructions. In the middle of the second loop the cushion she sat on fell out and she evidently slipped out of reach of the controls and was unable to right the plane.

"Examination of the wreck disclosed all controls to be in working order."

Death Claims Good Woman.

Mrs. Mollie McKenzie, wife of Mr. Allen McKenzie, died at her home two miles south of Dillon Saturday morning after an illness of two weeks. Mrs. McKenzie had an attack of what was supposed to be influenza which developed into pneumonia. She was 63 years of age.

Before her marriage Mrs. McKenzie was a Miss Jackson, a daughter of the late Reuben Jackson. When quite a young girl she united with the Methodist church and throughout her life was one of the most consecrated women of the community. As a wife she was devoted to her home and her death leaves a void which cannot be filled. As a friend she was kind, charitable and consistent and always had the love and esteem of all who knew her.

Besides her husband, who has the sympathy of many friends in his bereavement, she is survived by the following sisters: Mrs. R. J. Moody, Mrs. Fodie Wagstaff and Mrs. Alice Wagstaff, all of Dillon.

She was laid to rest at Dothan cemetery Sunday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Sam J. Bethea, of Latta, her former pastor and life-long friend.

Body of World War Hero Here.

The body of Private George E. McDowell reached here yesterday and the funeral will be at Mt. Cavalry cemetery Thurs at 4 p. m. The Local Post of The American Legion will give the body a full military funeral.

Private George E. McDowell went to France with the Rainbow Division (42nd) and there are a number of ex-soldiers here who were closely associated with him during the war.

been a serious possibility of that State's going Republican in November. Others are inclined to regard this as putting the case too strongly, but all whose opinion is of any value agree that a great many Republican votes were lost in Georgia and in other Southern States by the blunder in question. K. F. M.